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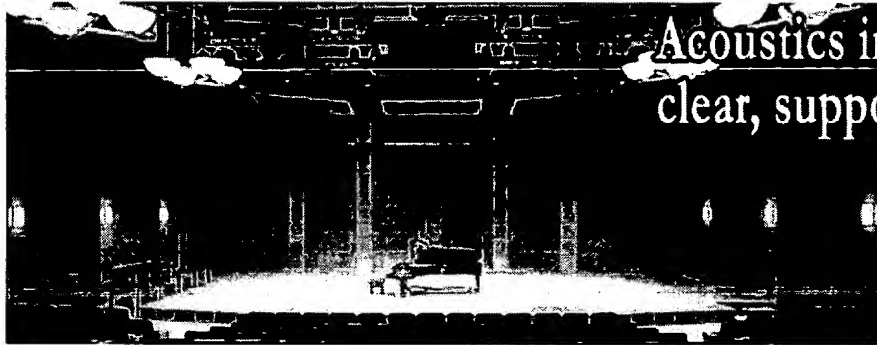
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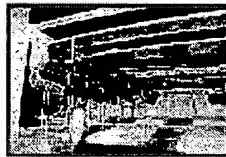
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I've used acoustical modeling for years in my practice, starting out with physical models, investigated with light and sound. For the last six years or so, I have been using the computer-modeling program EASE. Modeling is a powerful tool, increasingly powerful. But like all tools, it has its limitations.

Here is a (pre-digital) photo of a model using light, as well as sound waves to model the inside of an auditorium. (Click to see enlarged versions of all the graphics.)



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Models serve several purposes:

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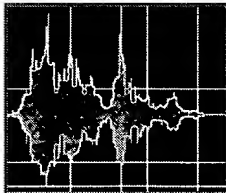
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- Real sounds are pressure waves in air. Sound is modeled as rays or mirrored sources.
- Real sound bends around objects (diffraction). Work is being done on diffraction, but it is not fully incorporated into practice.
- Real surfaces diffuse and scatter sound. Although scattering is included in the model, data on scattering is scarce.
- Real sources have dimensions. Model sources are points. A real orchestra, for instance, is spread out over a large plane and comprises many instruments, each with its particular directionality, and each moving around as it is being played. Model sources are directional, but they don't move about as real sound sources do.

Physical scale models have fewer of these limitations since they use real sound. However, physical models are vastly more expensive to build and test than computer models.

The limitations on computer modeling are being stretched by researchers in what is perhaps the hottest field in architectural acoustics. Of course the most that anyone can wish for would be an equivalence between modeled sound and a recording of sound in a real space. That would be amazing, but of course nothing can compare with listening to real performers in a real space.

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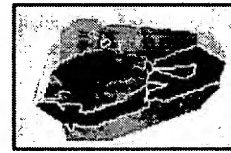
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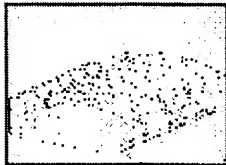
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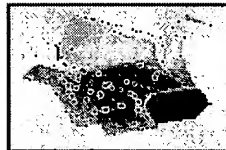
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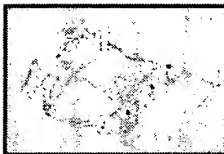
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Here are rays illustrating sound waves moving through an auditorium. This illustration shows only the first several rays. After a very short time, the entire room is an impenetrable mess of sound rays. This technique is fascinating, but takes a lot of practice to make any sense of.

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